IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Mariko HIRAI et al.

Serial No.: Not yet assigned

(§371 of international application No. PCT/JP2003/013349)

Filed: April 21, 2005

POLARIZER, METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME,

OPTICAL FILM AND IMAGE DISPLAY

Attorney Docket Number: 052453

Customer Number: 38834

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: April 21, 2005

Sir:

In compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants direct the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office to the documents listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. A copy of each non-U.S. document is enclosed herewith.

In the event there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, please charge Deposit Account No. <u>50-2866</u>.

Respectfully submitted,

WESTERMAN, HATTORI, DANIELS & ADRIAN, LLP

Nicolas E. Seckel
Attorney for Applicants
Registration No. 44,373

Telephone: (202) 822-1100 Facsimile: (202) 822-1111

NES/yap

Enclosure: PTO/SB/08; 3 documents and international search report.

JC12 Rec'd PCT/PTC 21 APR 2005

Combined	Form P	TO/SB/	08A&B

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet	1	of 1

Complete if Known				
Application Number	New Application			
Confirmation Number				
Filing Date	April 21, 2005			
First Named Inventor	Mariko HIRAI et al.			
Art Unit				
Examiner Name				
Attorney Docket Number	052453			

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.1	Document Number		Publication Date	
		Number	Kind Code ² (if known)	MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document
		US 2002/0186469 A1		12-12-2002	Mitsuhiro KAWAZU et al.
		US			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
Examiner Cit	Cite	Foreign Patent Document			Publication Date	Name of Patentee or	
Initials*	Initials* No.1 C	Country Code ³	Number ⁴	Kind Code ⁵ (if known)	MM-DD-YYYY	Applicant of Cited Document	Translation ⁶
		JP	8-184701		07-16-1996	NIPPON TELEGRAPH & TELEPHONE	Abstract
		JP	2001-296427		10-26-2001	NITTO DENKO CORPORATION	Abstract
		JP	2002-267842		09-18-2002	NIPPON SHEET GLASS CO. LTD.	Abstract

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS				
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.1	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city, and/or country where published.	Translation ⁶	

	· · ·		
Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
			A COLOR DE LA COLO

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²See Kind Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov, MPEP 901.04 or in the comment box of this document. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST. 3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to indicate here if English language Translation is attached.